

Town of Frederick Board of Trustees



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AM 2010-100


To Consider an Extension to the Comcast Franchise Agreement

Agenda Date: Town Board Meeting - October 12, 2010

Attachments: a. Ordinance

Fiscal Note: None noted or provided Fiscal note


Administrative Services Director

Submitted by: 
Administrative Services Director

Approved for Presentation: 
Town Administrator

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Certification of Board Approval:

Town Clerk

Date

Summary Statement:

The Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance 1039, extending the term of Frederick's Comcast Franchise Agreement for six months from the expiration date of the Agreement. The request for the extension was to allow the representatives from Frederick, Firestone and Dacono to coordinate local franchise renewals.

Detail of Issue/Request:

The coordinated effort with Firestone, Dacono and Comcast is almost complete. A final draft of the agreement will be presented to Ken Fellman of the GMTC, the middle of October; at the same time, Janet Rinaldi, of Comcast will be submitting the draft agreement to her management team. During the

coordinated review process, draft provisions were supplied to Fellman for his review, having the final draft review time frame minimal. Once the final agreement is complete staff and Rinaldi will present the Agreement to the Board. Currently staff is considering have the agreement go before the Board the last meeting in October.

Legal/Political Considerations:

While the GMTC was formed to facilitate broader coordinated franchise terms, and the Town as a member has pledged to support those efforts, due to the expiration of the Comcast franchises in each of the communities of the Tri-Town area, there was a need to negotiate terms regionally prior to the larger GMTC effort. GMTC counsel agreed to assist regional efforts relative to the larger GMTC effort, though this process has taken more time than was anticipated. It will serve the Town's efforts with Firestone and Dacono to continue the current temporary franchise extension to allow for regional negotiations to conclude without interruptions in service for residents.

Alternatives/Options:

An alternative is to continue the month-to-month extension of the Comcast Franchise Agreement.

Financial Considerations:

Not Applicable

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the proposed ordinance.